



# MONROE THIS WEEK

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## GREETINGS FROM MAYOR THOMAS

Hello! Thank you for reading Monroe This Week. Learn what is happening and has happened during the week. If you have any suggestions, questions, or comments for "Monroe This Week" or the articles included, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I can be reached at [gthomas@monroewa.gov](mailto:gthomas@monroewa.gov)

Thank you!

Yours in Service,

Mayor Geoffrey Thomas



## MAYOR HAPPENINGS

### Homelessness

Thank you to The Daily Herald for their [article](#) about our efforts in seeking solutions for our homelessness crisis. Homelessness is not just a City concern but a regional concern. Thank you to our Homelessness Policy Advisory Committee (HPAC) in working together to create recommendations for our City Council to look at. Thank you to the Monroe Police Department with your efforts in working together with the embedded social worker in contacting people and providing resources for people who accept it. Thank you to our Parks and Recreation Department who continually go out and clean up our parks. I appreciate everyone's effort in keeping Monroe a safe community.

### 2020 Mayor's Recommended Budget Available Now

It is with great pleasure that I can announce that the 2020 Mayor's Recommended City of Monroe Budget is available for review. This document is the culmination of a significantly collaborative and inclusive process that included the Monroe City Council, Planning Commission, Park Board, Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB), and City Staff at all levels of the organization. If you are interested in reviewing this document, you can download it from our website [here](#). And if you would like to provide comments on the Recommended Budget, a public hearing are scheduled for Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at Monroe City Hall, 806 W. Main Street in Monroe.

### Business Survey

The 2019 Business Survey is officially open. This is an annual undertaking that informs the City of issues that affect the business community. Your voice matters! The survey takes about twenty-five to thirty minutes complete and your contact information will not be shared. The results of the survey will be published on the City's website once the survey deadline has passed.

### Mayor

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### Councilmembers

Kevin Hanford, Mayor Pro Tem

Patsy Cudaback

Ed Davis

Jason Gamble

Jim Kamp

Jeff Rasmussen

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## EVENT HAPPENINGS

10/15	City Council Finance/HR Committee Meeting, City Hall, Passport Table, 6PM  City Council Regular Business Meeting & Study Session,, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM
10/17	HPAC, Monroe Coordination Center, 6-8PM

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**City of Monroe**  
**Year-to-Date Comparisons**

Sales Tax Revenues

'18 to 08/30/18: \$3,851,787  
'19 to 08/30/19: \$4,046,483  
**UP \$194,696 or 5.05%**

Real Estate Excise Tax

'18 to 08/30/18: \$1,038,203  
'19 to 08/30/19: \$961,699  
**DOWN \$76,505 or -7.36%**

Lodging Tax Revenues

'18 to 08/30/18: \$60,088  
'19 to 08/30/19: \$63,110  
**UP \$3,022 or 5.02%**

Business License Fees

'18 to 08/30/18: \$37,636  
'19 to 08/30/19: \$49,667  
**UP \$12,032 or 31.96%**

Building Permit Revenues

'18 to 08/30/18: \$530,053  
'19 to 08/30/19: \$445,126  
**DOWN \$84,927 or -16.02%**

Planning Fee Revenues

'18 to 08/30/18: \$33,460  
'19 to 08/30/19: \$42,026  
**UP \$8,566 or 25.60%**

SFR Permits YTD

2018 to 8/2018: 109  
2019 to 8/2019: 92

Multi-Family Permits (# units)

2018 to 8/2018: 0  
2019 to 8/2019: 186

Inspections YTD

August 2018 – 1,528  
August 2019 – 2,080

(Business Survey, cont.) The deadline for survey responses is October 31, 2019. Here is a [link](#) to the survey. Thank you in advance for your participation!

**City of Monroe Board, Commissions, and Committees**

Interested in serving on a City Board, Commission, or Committee? The City is looking to fill several positions on its boards, commissions, and committees. This is a great opportunity to become involved and learn about City government. For more information about the availabilities and the application please click [here](#). Candidates must reside in the city limits and are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council.

**CITY HAPPENINGS**

**Fire Prevention week is fast approaching – Not every hero wears a cape. Plan and Practice your Escape!**

Snohomish County Fire District No. 7 is hosting the annual Fire Prevention Week Open Houses to promote fire and life safety! The Open House is at Station No. 31 (163 Village Court, Monroe) on Saturday, October 12th from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.

The event will have rescue demonstrations, live fire extinguisher training, emergency preparedness information, firefighter challenge courses for the kids, and more! Bring the whole family for a fun, interactive event! For more information visit [www.Snofire7.org](http://www.Snofire7.org), or contact Heather Chadwick at [hchadwick@snofire7.org](mailto:hchadwick@snofire7.org) or (360) 282-3962.

**COUNCIL HAPPENINGS**

The Tuesday, October 15, 2019, City Council Regular Business Meeting & Study Session includes: a Public Hearing on the 2020 Recommended Budget, a Presentation on the Final Police Department Assessment, and Discussion on the 2020 Recommended Budget. For more information click [here](#).

Have a question for your Councilmembers? Contact them at [councilmembers@monroewa.gov](mailto:councilmembers@monroewa.gov)!

**2020 City of Monroe Boards & Commissions Openings**

- Ethics Boardmember (5)
- Park Boardmember (1)
- Planning Commissioners (2)
- Salary Commissioner (3)
- Economic Development Advisory Board (1)

[www.monroewa.gov/vacancies](http://www.monroewa.gov/vacancies)

**Job Openings**

- Building Inspector
- Part-Time Clerical Specialist
- Lateral Police Officer

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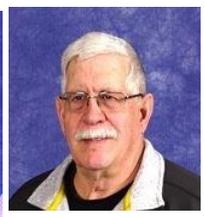
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